

Optimizing Resources Brainstormed Ideas October, 2009

#1 Instruction & Professional Development

1A.	Create County-Wide Career/Vo-Tech Center
1B.	Share Buildings for Programs like Pre-School, Full-Time K
<u>Regional Service Delivery Model (RSD)</u>	
1C.	Create Communication/Coordination Plan to: (or Look at Feasibility of) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Share Professional Development ✦ PIR Offerings ✦ Grant Opportunities ✦ Regular Discussions for K-8 Feeder Schools Transition Also ✦ Grade Level/Discipline Level Meetings ✦ Coordinate Speakers ✦ Calendars
1D.	Library Purchasing Pool

#2 Curriculum & Assessment

2D.	2011 – w/OPI-Better Turnaround Time for CRT Results
<u>RSD Model</u>	
2A.	Create Central Facility for Shared Curriculum Resources (ex. Science Kits, ESL Resources)
2B.	Create County/Region-Wide Curriculum Consortium.
2C.	Look @ Feasibility of Communication/Coordination Structure for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Coordinate Curriculum Adoption Schedules ✦ Bulk Ordering of Curriculum Materials ✦ Better Coordination for Programs such as Language, Arts, Business ✦ Share/Reassess Grading/Credit policies to Achieve Consistency ✦ Share Local Assessments

#3 Support Services: Transportation & Food Services

<u>RSD Model</u>	
3A.	Form Food Purchasing Cooperative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Milk, Local Farmers, Ranchers (Farm to School)
3B.	Explore Bus Route Consolidation
3C.	Explore (Bid) Bulk Fuel Purchasing
3D.	Look at Feasibility of Coordination, Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Share & Plan Meal Menus ✦ County/Regional Cook Meetings ✦ Share Ideas for Encouraging Free & Reduced Lunch Apps ✦ Make Equipment Availability Known

#4 Facilities & Grounds

4C.	Create Area Performing Arts Center
<u>RDS Model</u>	
4A.	Form an Energy Purchasing Cooperative
4B.	Form Bulk Supply Purchasing Pool-Esp. Paper Products, Light Bulb, Trash Bags
4D.	Coordinate/Communicate-Head Custodians
	✦ Conduct Obsolete Equipment Sale Auction
	✦ Regional Resource Directory ex. School Design Plans
	✦ Shared Contracted Service Providers---Shared Bids
	✦ Sharing Areas of Expertise/Ideas Between Custodians
	✦ Share Equipment Used Periodically
	✦ Coordinate Projects & Services Where & When Possible
	✦ Explore/Share Energy Efficiency, Alternative Energy Ideas
	✦ Share Community Use of Facilities Ideas, Procedures, Practices
	✦ Common Trainings for Custodians

#5 Educational Support (Instruction)

5C.	Form Regional Special Needs PTA
<u>RSD Model</u>	
5A.	Explore Plans/Agreements for Transfer of Special Needs Students Who Cannot be Accommodated in Rural Districts
5B.	Explore Shared Data Warehousing
5D.	Explore Feasibility of Communication/Coordination to:
	✦ Gifted Ed.-Share Ideas, Resources, Programs, Evaluation Criteria, Teachers
	✦ Parent Groups-Share Ideas, Resources
	✦ Share Techniques for Special Needs Students
	✦ Share Ideas for Utilizing Community Resources

#6 Extra-Curricular

6A.	Explore Areas to Co-op in Sports
6B.	Share/Coordinate Busses for Sports
6C.	Explore Eliminating School Sports and Let Other Organizations Control, Like Lions Club
6D.	Explore Areas to Co-op for Clubs
6E.	Explore County/Regional 4-Day or Abbreviated Year
6F.	Explore Ways to Take Advantage of Local Competition Opportunities
6G.	Communicate/Coordinate to:
	✦ Athletic Directors-Get Together, Share Ideas
	✦ "Rural" School Governing Body (like MHSA)
	✦ Coordinate Sports Camps
	✦ Share Specialized Equipment
	✦ Share Parent Driving Issues
	✦ Share Policies, Rules, Procedures

#7 Technology

7A.	Distance Learning-Develop, Seek Start-Up, Share Approaches, Equipment, AP, Credit Recovery
<i>RSD Model</i>	
7B.	Software/Hardware Purchasing Pools
7C.	Create Plan to Share "Site" Licenses
7D.	Communicate/Coordinate to:
	✦ Share Filtering Approaches
	✦ Enhance Offerings in P. Development, Integration, Curriculum
	✦ Share Maintenance
	✦ Tech Coordinators Meet Regularly; Purchasing "Point" Person

#8 Administration, Personnel, Business & Finance

8A.	Form Health Insurance Pool (Regional/Statewide)
8B.	Form Preventive Health/Wellness Cooperative Statewide or Regional
8C.	Explore Pros & Cons Consolidation of School Districts
8D.	County-Wide Common Posting of Meetings, Job Vacancies, Advertising in Legals
8H.	Stable Funding - Finance for 2011
	i. Dept. of Revenue-Taxable Value
	-Appraisals Done Sooner
	ii. Address Delinquent and Protested Taxes
	iii. Increase Bonding Capacity
	iv. Stabilize Funding Formula
	v. Pursue New Revenue Sources (ex. Centrally Assessed Taxation)
	vi. Look at Impact Fees Again
	vii. Pursue County-Wide Issue of Districts w/ Little Commercial Tax Base Cause Parents Work in Bozeman --- Live in Other Communities
8J.	Look at Ways to Invite/Increase/Encourage Home Schoolers to Participate in Pub. School
8L.	Explore Administrative Efficiencies
8M.	Look at Ways to Share Policies and Procedures
8O.	School Boards
	i. Regional Trainings, for ex. Best Practices for Boards
	ii. Trustees Meet to Continue Talks About Issues/Prep. For Next Session
	iii. Visit other Board Meeting
<i>RSD Model</i>	
8E.	Centralized Human Resources
8F.	Explore What Business Services Could be Centralized (ex. Payroll)
8G.	County Clearinghouse for Substitutes
8I.	Explore Abbreviated School Year, Extended Year---How to Not Build More Buildings--- Alternative Ways of Schooling
8K.	Create Centralized School Calendar
8N.	Personnel
	i. Find Ways to Share Counselors and Other Part-Time FTE in Order to Get to 1-FTE to Retain Staff
	ii. Coordinate Classified Staff Trainings

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A. Top Priorities for 2011

1. Create county/regional career centers.
2. Explore the feasibility of a (Region 4) Regional Service Delivery Center.
3. Purchase/develop statewide performance management system.
4. Support the development of a stable funding mechanism for public schools.

B. If we were to institute a Regional Service Delivery Center, which services would your district most likely utilize?

Lots of interest **Some interest**

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